rain, that the great house was filled. The company, which was under the direction of Henry Abbey and Maurice Grau, produced "Lohengrin" in Italian, and in a manner which left little room for criticism. The famous tenor, Jean De Reszke, Madame Emma Eames, Madame Ravoglia and Edward De Reszke, the remarkable baritone, were received with much favor. The chorus work was disappointing to some extent, but this was neutralized by the richness and historic fidelity of the costumes and beauty of the scenic effects.

Letter-box Thieves.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Sheeny Armstrong, one of a band of letter-box thieves, who operated in Washington, St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburg, Nashville, Denver and New Orleans, was arrested here Saturday, and today started for St. Louis, where he will be tried with other pals now arrested there.

Railroad Men Ordered to Strike.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.—Three weeks ago the Wiggins Ferry company, which also operates the East St. Louis Belt railway, settled the demands of its employes, conceding most of the demands. Since then they have been dismissing a number of men, asserting that eleven hours constituted a working day. The men agreed to yield this point, in case the discharged men were reinstated. The ferry company refused to reinstate. Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Grand Master Sargent of the firemen, who are here, have ordered the men to strike in the morning unless the demands are agreed to.

A Railroad Case.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Five railroad men have been summoned to appear before the Federal grand jury Wednesday to tell what they know concerning the action of the railroads, charged with a violation of the Interstate Commerce law in the manipulating of freight rates in favor of Swift & Company, packers. The men are George B. Spriggs, general freight agent of the Nickel Plate; A. Fell, Eastern agent of the Lehigh Valley; N. N. Jarvis, manager of the Traders' Dispatch line; M. L. Dougherty, manager of the Lehigh & Wabash Dispatch, and Chairman Blanchard, of Central Traffic Association. Special Agent Kretschmer says there will be several indictments returned.

Tried to Kill a Family.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Nov. 9.—A fearful tragedy was enacted at the home of G. E. David, an aged resident of Pike county, Pa., last Thursday. A young farm laborer, Simon Field, entered David's house and fired a shotgun full in his face, fatally injuring him. He then shot and painfully wounded David's wife. The assassin then fled down the road and, meeting a son of David, shot at him, inflicting a slight wound. Field, who was not arrested until Sunday, says he was drunk when he did the shooting.

Charged with Perjury and Embezzlement.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 9.—A member of the auditing committee appointed to investigate the office of Mayor Wyman of Allegheny stated this afternoon that a resolution would be presented at the meeting of the general committee tonight, charging Mayor Wyman and Chief of the Department of Public Safety Murphy with perjury and embezzlement, and instructing the city solicitor to institute criminal proceedings against them. Messrs. Wyman and Murphy, however, appeared before the committee tonight and, at their request for a hearing, the matter was postponed until next week.

Another Man Killed by His Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Police Officer Cutler was shot and killed this morning by his wife at their residence. The couple had a quarrel. The woman asserts that she shot her husband in self-defense. She is now under arrest.

A Fight with Outlaws.

GUTHRIE, Nov. 9.—Indian Agent Patrick, Sheriff Conley of the Sac and Fox nation, and Deputy Marshal Williams went to the place where Marshal Thornton was murdered and were fired upon by the same gang of outlaws who killed Thornton. After a lively battle the outlaws were routed.

Iron Works Assign.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.—The Walton Architectural Iron Works, one of the largest manufactories of the kind in the West, assigned this afternoon, with assets of $90,000; estimated liabilities about the same. The cause of the assignment was insufficient capital.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 9.—The River Neva is blocked with ice, and navigation consequently suspended.

Paris, Nov. 9.—A family of four were asphyxiated near St. Denis today. It is not known whether the asphyxiation was accidental or intentional.

Georgetown, N. Y., Nov. 9.—The four Kendall brothers broke jail here this afternoon by breaking defective bars in the window. A posse of 100 is after them.

Wilkesbarre, Penn., Nov. 9.—Thos. Thoma and Paul Kocchinski, two more of the miners injured at the Nanticoke disaster yesterday, died today. It is thought that two others of the injured will die.

New York, Nov. 9.—Abram S. Hewitt, of Cooper, Hewitt & Co., this morning confirmed the report that he contemplates the sale of the entire property of the company, but to whom he refuses to say. He says the intended purchaser is an American. The sale is not yet consummated.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—At a meeting of prominent politicians this afternoon it was decided to make an effort to have the National Republican Convention held in Chicago.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Today 88,000 ounces of silver were purchased by the treasury department at prices ranging from .95 to .95.25.

Boston, Nov. 9.—At the Five Cent Savings Bank everything is quiet today. Money is being deposited by those who withdrew their accounts during the run.

Pittsburg, Nov. 9.—James Penny, treasurer of the Amalgamated Association, and one of its founders, died tonight.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—By the breaking of a gas main of the Illinois Steel Company's mills in South Chicago this evening, one man was asphyxiated outright and four others probably fatally. The men were all laborers.

How Jay Gould Came to Be Photographed.

Jay Gould is a hard man to get into a photographic studio. It probably is because he hasn't time. But how I came to get a good portrait of him was through a friend. Mr. Gould had promised to give this friend a photograph of himself, and had, time and again, excused himself for his neglect by saying that he had none. This friend came to me, arranged for a sitting, and the next morning appeared in my studio with Mr. Gould. The latter did not know that he was to be photographed—at any rate until within a moment or two before he reached my place of business. He has a splendid head, a good strong face, and makes an excellent picture, but the day he came to me he was arrayed in very very light and very thin summer clothing.

This was at a time when photography had not advanced to such a point that it could not take a person's picture if the clothing worn was white or of a light color. I explained to Mr. Gould that if he wished a good picture he should wear a black coat, and one of a little heavier material. He looked about the room in a nervous sort of way, glancing at his friend, and then in a low voice said to me: "I am afraid I haven't time to change my coat. If you wish to make a picture of me you had better do it now, and take me as I am."—A. Bogardus in Ladies' Home Journal.

The Press and Public Men.

Is the press immaculate? By no means. Do all connected with it appreciate the grave responsibilities which their limitless facilities for reaching the public should impose upon them? Again the answer must be an emphatic no. Have public men no reasonable grounds of complaint? Undoubtedly they have. But the sweeping judgment which too many of them pass upon the representatives of the press as a body has in it the same elements of unfairness and injustice as exist in the wide opinion that public men as a class are corrupt. With the latter the exact opposite is true. As a class they are honest. So with journalists; as a class they are careful and conscientious.

The erroneous judgments of public men and of members of the press spring from the same cause—namely, visiting the shortcomings of the few upon the many. In the one case the fact that party men, as a rule, unite to shield those detected in wrong creates a general opinion that the class is corrupt.

In the other, the fact that there is too much toleration by the press of its libelous and sensation mongers gives excuse to public men for their sweeping charges. In a word, the most effective foes of the press are those of its own household. It is fully able to deal successfully with all others; it should be abundantly able to crush those.—General Boynton in Century.

The Horse on the Stage.

"Some years ago," said Mr. Bobby Gaylor, "western audiences were exceedingly fertile in the matter of interruptions. Fanny Louise Buckingham, an old time favorite, came to Leadville with 'Mazeppa.' It was a one horse show in all the word implies, but she couldn't get her fiery steed up over the narrow gauge railroad, and was obliged to substitute a horse that had formerly been employed in drawing a milk wagon. A miner happened to be loafing at the stable where the trade was made, and went to the theater that night provided with a tin horn.

"In the scene where Mazeppa is lashed to the horse, a long incline had been built at the rear of the stage, and up this the animal was to dash and disappear behind some pasteboard rocks. It made the start all right, but at the quarter post, so to speak, the wretched miner blew his horn and the faithful beast, supposing there was milk to deliver, stopped dead still. Miss Buckingham was furious, and with a few well directed kicks succeeded in getting him off again, only to be stopped by another blast. In that way they went up the incline a step at a time, like Mary Queen of Scots going to execution in melodrama. The miner escaped."—Atlanta Constitution.

A Queer Place for Ears.

On the tibia of grasshoppers' and crickets' forelegs may be seen a bright shiny spot, oval in form, which has been found to be a true ear. Old naturalists supposed these strange structures helped in some way to intensify the penetrating, chirping sounds of crickets. No one for a moment thought they might be ears.

Sir John Lubbock and other modern naturalists have decided that crickets, bees, ants and other little animals shall not keep their sense organs a secret from us any longer; and although these are often in the least suspected places, still, by careful experiments, they are sure to be discovered, as was the cricket's ear. Some grasshoppers have no ears in their legs, and as a rule those cannot sing.—St. Nicholas.

A Financier Himself Now.

Life is grotesque. Seven years ago a young merchant wore knickerbockers and opened the door of a store for customers during the week from Christmas to New Year's. Last week he refused to accept in payment of a bill of $500 a note signed by the proprietor of the store where he was "buttons."

"He is worth $100,000. Your refusing to accept his paper may injure his credit!" exclaimed involuntarily the modest, obedient bookkeeper of the young merchant.

"And what do you suppose I do it for?" the young merchant asked with a grand air.—New York Times.

You must not say "undertaker" any more. It is "funeral director" now, and the funeral directors of this planet have just been holding a convention at Philadelphia to decide on the fashion for coffins the next year.

The largest cannon ever made in the United States is not quite half the size of the heaviest Krupp gun, which weighs 125 tons.

A SUCCESSFUL BEEHOUSE.

An Apiarian's Plan for a House in Which Bees Are Easily Managed.

The beehouse is 8 by 10 feet and 7 feet high to the eaves. It is lined, and the 4-inch space between the inner and outer walls is filled with dry sawdust. There is a 6-inch ventilator through the roof. It will hold twenty-four ten frame Langstroth hives, each super containing thirty-two one pound sections. The hives are placed two inches from the wall, and the openings of the chutes are covered with wirecloth.

A BEEHOUSE.

The apiarist who thus describes in American Bee Journal his plan for a beehouse such as is shown in the cut here reproduced says in regard to its management:

In winter the chutes are closed on the outside, and the bees get air from the inside of the house. In summer time, when it is hot, I use nothing but burlap on top of the hives, and I have no bees hanging out—they stay in the hives.

I can go into my beehouse at any time of the year without starting robbing, and by opening the winter door and closing the screen door I have all the light necessary from the door to take off honey or examine any hive.

I never lose any bees in my beehouse, as they can have a flight at any time during the winter, when it is warm enough, or I can close them up at any time. From the bees kept in the house I get more honey than from those that I keep out of doors, and I am so well pleased with my beehouse that I have built another one, and shall keep all of my bees in the house.

There are so many advantages in managing bees during swarming time in a house like mine that I shall not attempt to enumerate them.

A Kansas Cornecutter.

The cut shown herewith represents a cornecutter said to be in use in some parts of Kansas. The runners of the sled are made of hard wood and are 2 by 6 inches and 6 feet long. The floor is of inch boards and the seat of 2 by 4 inch stuff bolted on.

A CONVENIENT CORNCUTTER.

The cutting knife is a strong scythe, three feet long, set slanting and bolted securely to the sled. The sled is drawn by shafts which prevent the horse from turning around upon the knife. A man can handle the corn if not too heavy. He grabs the corn with both hands and lets it lie across his knee until he has a lap full and then casts it off, says The Farm Journal, from which our cut is reproduced.

Points in Onion Culture.

Many amateurs do not know at what time to sow onion seed to raise sets, when they are gathered and how taken care of. Country Gentleman thus makes the matter plain: "The sets are required of small growth, and therefore a poor soil is better than a rich one; this soil is thoroughly pulverized and made smooth, the seed sown by a line quite thickly, and as large ones are apt to run up to seed, the bulbs should be less than the size of grapes. They are taken up in August, dried, bedded in chaff four inches deep, and covered with several inches of hay for protection through winter. Early in spring they are set out in extra rich land, thoroughly mellowed, three inches apart in the rows, the earth pressed compactly about them. They are to be kept perfectly clear of weeds till the middle of June, when they are first taken up for market. The Strasburg and Yellow Danvers are found best for this treatment. The Wethersfield red is more productive, but less adapted to sets."

Poll Evil.

Mr. J. Dale, Grand, Man., writes: "As some farmers may have a valuable horse by accident get the supposed incurable disease called poll evil, I will give my experience with a very useful horse. The day after I purchased this animal I noticed a slight swelling just behind the ears; on this he seemed quite sensitive. I tried several remedies to scatter this swelling but did not succeed, and in about two months it seemed to have developed enough to have it lanced. I drove the horse to Brandon and had a competent veterinarian examine and lance it. A sinus of two or three inches had formed. I followed the instructions I received, but failed to effect a cure. I continued syringing it out daily from August till early the next spring. By this time the sinus was about five inches in length.

I consulted another competent veterinarian, who pronounced it a case of poll evil, and agreed to operate on it for twenty-five dollars and to have the horse under his care for six weeks, but as I needed the horse very much then I could not afford the time and money, especially as he would not warrant a permanent cure. I spoke to a medical man, who told me to try iodoform and sulphuric ether, by syringing it in twice a day. I did this for a time, but found I could not reach the bottom of the sinus by this method. I took a probe about the size of the sinus and by this means reached the bottom of the pipe, and in about six weeks had a sound horse and as he has been so now for over two years I think it is a permanent cure."

Guidance Regarding That Hat.

Says a society paper: "Let a gentleman making a call take care of his hat without your assistance. He can either leave it in the hall or carry it into the parlor." The writer has omitted one thing here. Besides being allowed to take care of his hat the gentleman should be asked where he got it.

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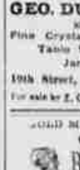

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